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TOWN OFFICERS.

1881–82.

Town Clerk—John H. Steele.

Town Treasurer—William G. Livingston.

Selectmen—Wilbur E. Davis, Joseph F. Noone, Timothy N. Hunt.

Overseer of the Poor—Augustus Fuller.

Auditors—Mortier L. Morrison, William H. Longley, Riley B. Hatch.

Supervisors—Andrew A. Farnsworth, Henry Knight, Amzi Childs.

High School Committee—George Dustan, John R. Miller.

School Committee—George Dustan.

Library Committee—John H. Cutler, Riley B. Hatch, John Scott.

Fire Wards—Chief, George W. Farrar; Aids, John H. Steele, Wilbur E. Davis, C. H. Brooks, T. Haskell, O. H. Russell, Charles Wilder.

Collectors of Taxes—Samuel N. Porter, Charles H. Knight, Owen A. Willey.

Sexton—Owen A. Willey.

Surveyors of Lumber—Charles S. Pierce, Amos A. Sawyer, Henry Knight, G. F. Russell, James E. Ray, O. H. Russell.

Corders of Wood—Wilbur E. Davis, Albert S. Clark, John Cragin, James E. Ray, Timothy N. Hunt, Asa Davis, William F. Barrett, O. H. Russell, Alvin Townsend, William Ames.

Police—Charles Scott, Wilbur E. Davis, George B. Priest, Elijah A. Robbins, James E. Saunders.

Cemetery Committee—Geo. Dustan, Owen A. Willey, John Scott.

Highway Surveyors—

Districts.		District.	
1 & 14.	Asa Davis,	13.	Samuel W. Vose,
2.	Albert Taggart,	15.	Rodney H. Wilder,
3.	Jerome B. Shedd,	16.	John M. Ramsey,
4.	William Moore,	17.	Benjamin W. Crosby,
5.	James H. Bartlett,	18.	James Smiley,
6.	Bernard Hamill,	19.	Charles H. Varnum,
7.	Stephen D. Robbe,	20.	Daniel Edes,
8.	Ira A. Spofford,	21.	William L. Baldwin,
9.	Isaac G. Peaslee,	22.	Dalphon Osborn,
10.	Albert O. Smith, Wm. H. S. Ventres,	23.	William Freeman,
		24.	Franklin Field,
11.	Fred A. Tarbell,	25.	Edwin L. Twitchell.
12.	John O. Nay,		

Sealer of Weights and Measures—Asa Davis.

Fence Viewers—S. W. Vose, J. O. Nay.

Fish and Game Wardens—John H. Vose, John H. Cutler, Charles Scott, William E. Shattuck, Frank G. Clark.

Agent of Town Clock—Alfred F. Grimes.

Putnam Park Committee—Geo. W. Farrar, Albert M. Smith, Ervin H. Smith.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, { John H. Cutler, Ezra M. Smith, John H. Steele.

First Department.

Summer and Fall terms. Teacher, Charles H. Knight. This school made excellent progress under the charge of this experienced and most efficient teacher. The discipline was healthy, the instruction thorough, and the school presented most satisfactory results at its close.

Winter term. Teacher, Miss Hattie A. French. This teacher labored with great enthusiasm, and met with her usual success. Having taught the school a former term, she was prepared to take up the work Mr. Knight left and carry it forward to completion. In aptness, discipline and the ability to awaken interest in her scholars, Miss French has few superiors. The scholars were well drilled in study and made good progress.

The school in this department has done finely the past year, and the scholarship of former terms has been well sustained.

Second Department.

Summer term. Teacher, Mrs. M. J. Knight. The teacher for this term was a thorough scholar and experienced in her work. Her discipline of the school was healthy and her success most gratifying.

Fall and Winter terms. Teacher, Miss M. F. Knowlton. This school was well conducted and most excellent instruction

given. Miss Knowlton is a natural disciplinarian and a thorough teacher. Admirable results appeared at the examination.

Third Department.

Teacher for the year, Miss Emma R. Smith. This teacher's success in gaining the affection and awakening interest in her scholars is simply wonderful. It is somewhat of a surprise to many a parent, who is completely tried with her two or three children at home, to see how easily this teacher handles her school of sixty scholars. Her labors in and out of school are incessant for the good of her little ones. The school was well taught and much valuable information imparted to it.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, C. W. Hunter.

Summer and Winter terms. Teacher, Miss M. E. Buckminster. The teacher of this school has had great experience in teaching. She is a thorough scholar and excellent disciplinarian. Her school made good progress and sustained its previous reputation. There are some advanced and excellent scholars in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, H. K. French.

Summer and Winter terms. Miss Hattie A. French, teacher. This school was admirably conducted in matter and manner of instruction. The progress was very good and the presence of some advanced scholars promoted a most favorable appearance of the school at examination. Miss French excels as a teacher of youth. She enlists the sympathies and awakens an interest in study in the most natural way. While she holds her school in excellent restraint, she is at the same time very much beloved.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee, Eugene Rielle.

Teacher Summer and Winter terms, Miss Mary A. Hamill. Miss Hamill is a good scholar and most devoted to her work in the schoolroom. The school in this district is small, but it was well instructed and made very good progress in study.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Emery W. Alexander.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Cora A. Marden. Miss Marden (Mrs. Albion P. Howe) in this, her first school, succeeded in awakening a good degree of interest in her scholars in study. She governed the school well and the closing examination showed progress had been made.

The Winter term was not as great a success, because of the disposition on the part of some of the larger boys to be disorderly. Perhaps it would be better for this district to have a male teacher for the Winter term, since good discipline is as important as good instruction. The school appeared well at the examination.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, M. A. Wilder.

Summer and Fall terms. Teacher, Miss Isa M. Ramsey. This was Miss Ramsey's first school. She is a bright young lady, and possessed in a good degree of the elements which with experience will make her a first class teacher. In the Summer term she met with commendable success. She is orderly and accurate in all she does, and her school appeared like clock work. She devoted herself with much energy to her work, and her school showed a good degree of progress. There are many bright scholars in this school, and the district feel a great interest in it, as the purchase of apparatus for the schoolroom evinces.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, George A. Hamilton.

Summer and Winter terms. Teacher, Miss Mattie J. Hamilton. This teacher is a graduate of our High School, a most thorough scholar, and possessed of some qualities that fit her to be a teacher of youth. But she also labors under some disadvantages that unfit her to be a teacher of small children.

Teacher, Winter term, Miss Emma N. Smiley. This teacher had charge of this same school the former year, and carried it on with the same success. Her discipline was good. She created much interest in study, and the progress was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Conrad Naglie.

Summer and Winter terms. Teacher, Miss Mary A. Willey. Miss Willey is also a graduate of the High School and an excellent scholar. Her school was small and this was her first term; but it was well conducted and made good progress. The discipline was excellent, and much interest appeared in the examinations.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee, Frank J. Robbins.

Summer term. Teacher, Dana M. Dustan. This teacher—a graduate of Dartmouth College and a teacher of experience—being at liberty, was engaged to take charge of this school. His care of the school and methods of instruction were a success.

Fall and Winter terms. Teacher, Miss Adelia A. Nichols. This teacher is a graduate of the schools of Chicago—an excellent scholar and disciplinarian. Although her first school, yet so thoroughly was she qualified for her work that her scholars made good progress, and the school was successfully conducted.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee, R. R. Stearns.

Winter term. Teacher, Will C. Hamill. This was a very good school though small. It has but one term in the year and that a very long one. Mr. Hamill gives the promise of becoming an excellent teacher. The order was good and the examination showed advancement. There are some promising scholars in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, J. P. Sweatt.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Jennie E. Hadley. This teacher possesses rare qualifications for an instructor of youth. Both by scholarship and natural qualities she is fitted for a high position as a teacher.

Winter term. Teacher, Miss Ida H. Hannaford. Miss Hannaford is an excellent scholar and well fitted to become an emi-

nent teacher of youth. She governs easily and imparts instruction readily. Owing to imperfect notice, but without fault, there was no examination at the close of the term.

The Common Schools in town have as a whole done admirably the past year. The instruction has been of a high order in many of the schools, and the committee are pleased to note the increasing interest of parents in the different schools. Although very much more might be accomplished, still we feel that the district schools are in a very healthy condition. We must look facts in the face and not expect too much, and rejoice that there are any signs of progress.

Upon the parents and guardians of the young largely rests the responsibility of increasing the usefulness of our schools. We trust they may become more and more endeared to those who look with interest upon the education of the rising generation. However great our advancement in material interests as a town, yet we cannot hope to take a first rank among the towns of the State, except we cherish the most liberal and thorough instruction of our youth.

GEORGE DUSTAN, School Committee.

ERRATA.—The second paragraph in the report of District No. 7, belongs under District No. 5; and the second paragraph in District No. 5, belongs to the report of District No. 6; also, the last half of the report under District No. 6, commencing with the words "She is an accurate," etc., belongs to the report of District No. 7, and should follow the words "teacher of small children."

The above mistakes occurred through the copy sheets being wrongly numbered, which was not discovered until after the pages were printed.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers, H. B. Rich and E. H. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor succeeded to the care of this school with the commencement of the Fall term. The first term was a success, and the Winter term would have been an equal success had he carried a firmer hand in governing the young men of his charge.

Mr. Taylor came to us with the highest recommendations as an experienced teacher, and the committee hoped to place this school once more on the high basis it had formerly occupied for scholarship and order. We are assured that had the teacher exhibited as firm a hand the first weeks of the term as the last, his success would have been much greater. There are excellent scholars in this school, and the examination showed good progress had been made.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

High School in account with the town of Peterboro':

DR.

To money on hand Mar. 1, 1881,	$109 16	
Money received of Town Treasurer,	800 00	
Tuition received,	8 00	
Money received on Diplomas,	5 00	
		$922 16

CR.

By salary paid H. M. Rich, Summer Term,	$179 11	
Salary paid E. H. Taylor, Fall Term,	266 67	
Salary paid E. H. Taylor, Winter Term,	266 66	
Rent of Academy,	100 00	
New shed at Academy,	10 00	
Wood of Sanders,	18 00	
Sawing and piling wood,	9 00	
Paid for printing Diplomas,	4 00	
Programmes,	5 00	
Circulars,	6 00	
Care of Academy three terms,	15 00	
Steele's bill for books, &c., for teacher's desk,	6 05	
Steele's bill for dictionary and books for teacher's desk,	14 65	
Paid H. M. Rich for chemicals,	9 38	
Repairs, &c.,	5 92	
Incidentals,	6 72	
		$922 16

GEO. DUSTAN, } High School
JOHN R. MILLER, } Committee.

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Number of weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Penmanship.	Visits of S. S. Com.	Visits of Prud. Com.	Visits of others.	Wages per month.
1	Charles H. Knight	10	31	28 4/5	31	3	3	35	$36
1	" " "	10	41	35 1/2	41	3	2	7	36
1	2 M. J. Knight	10	30	29	29	3	1	10	32
1	2 M. F. Knowlton	10	37	32	37	3	1	35	32
1	3 Emma R. Smith	10	60	54		3	2	40	28
1	3 " " "	10	60	54		3	2	47	28
1	2 M. E. Buckminster	10	23	19 3/4	10	2	1	13	22
1	3 Hattie A. French	10	13	12 3/4	13	2		40	24
1	4 Mary A. Hamill	8	6	5.6	6	2		43	24
1	5 Cora A. Marden	8	13	9 1/2	6	1		22	20
1	6 Mary Isa Ramsey	10	22	20	20	2		25	18
1	7 Mattie J. Hamilton	10	18	17 1/2	18	2	1	30	19
1	8 Mary A. Willey	8	8	7 3/4	8	2	2	6	16
1	9 Dana M. Dustan	8	24	20 1/2	16	2		20	32
1	9 Adelia A. Nichols	10	26	21 1/2	18	3		12	24
1	11 Jennie E. Hadley	8	5	4	5	2		4	17

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Number of weeks.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Penmanship.	Visits by S. S. Com.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by others.	Wages per month.
1	1 Hattie A. French	10	40	36	40	3	2	2	$36
1	2 M. F. Knowlton	10	40	39	40	2	2	41	32
1	3 Emma R. Smith	10	54	45	40	2	2	40	28
1	2 M. E. Buckminster	8	23	15 13/20	18	2			22
	3 Hattie A. French	11	13	12	13	2			24
	4 Mary A. Hamill	10	5	4.6	5	2		5	20
	5 Emma N. Smiley	9	14	8	8	1	1	22	18
	6 Mary Isa Ramsey	12	24	21 3/5	24	2		16	22
	7 Mattie J. Hamilton	13	17	16 3/10	17	2		21	19
	8 Mary A. Willey	10	8	7.3	5	2		5	20
	9 Adelia A. Nichols	10	25	23 2/10	18	2		14	28
	10 Will Hamill								
	11 Ida N. Hannaford	8	6	6	6	2		8	17

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We herewith respectfully submit a report of the several departments under our charge, and of the disbursements made by our orders during the past year. We have drawn 277 orders on the Treasurer, amounting to $9,158.02, against 179 orders amounting to $9,755.01 last year. The increased number of orders drawn this year has made a proportionate increase of clerical labor, and was caused largely by the highway surveyor system of keeping the roads and bridges in repair, having more agents to settle with, and the settlements of the three different accounts, Highways, Bridges and Breaking Roads, being made separately.

Collection of Taxes.

This department of the business of the town done under our direction has been performed with very gratifying results to us, and we are glad to be able to report to the town that all the tax lists are settled, and that there is no uncollected tax to report. Samuel N. Porter was first appointed Tax Collector and served until September, when he resigned, and Charles H. Knight was appointed in his place.

Abatements.

The amount of the abatements is larger than we could have wished it. We have made some abatements on real estate that could have been collected, but we were convinced in every case either that it was an unjust tax or that the enforcement of the collection would cause serious inconvenience if not distress to those unable to bear it. A large amount of the abatements of poll taxes are made necessary by the practice of keeping men's

names on the check list, who, when they are asked to pay their taxes claim that they are not residents of Peterboro', and were not on the first of April when the tax was assessed.

This ought to be corrected, for "rights and duties cannot be separated, and the home of a person for voting is his home for taxation."

Highways.

The various systems of keeping the roads and bridges in repair have been so many times discussed that no comment seems necessary from us. If, however, the highway surveyor system is continued we would recommend that the town be redistricted, and the number of districts reduced at least one-half.

The balance against the account for breaking roads was caused by having quite a large amount to pay for bills incurred last winter, and further from the fact that the spring of 1881 required an unusual amount of labor and expense in this department.

Poor Farm.

In accordance with the vote of the town at the annual meeting in March, 1881, we advertised the Town Farm property, and sold the same at auction on the 20th day of April last. Although the sale did not amount to the appraisal, according to the last report, nevertheless we are of the opinion that the property in most cases brought fair prices and the town has no reason to commplain of the result. With one exception the entire sale of the personal property has been collected. In that one case the circumstances have been such that it could not be collected before this report was made, but we do not regard it as worthless.

Weights and Measures.

In accordance with a vote of the town, we have purchased of Messrs. Fairbanks, Brown & Co., such articles as were necessary to make a complete outfit for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, and there is no reason now why the law in relation to the duties of the Sealer of Weights and Measures cannot be complied with.

Reports.

It is the opinion of this board that the town reports, as printed, ought to contain a full and complete report of every matter in which the town is interested, or which relates to any department of the town, so that every citizen shall have an opportunity to know all about the business of the town. We again call attention to the fact that there has *never* been a report of any kind to the town by the trustees of the Smith and the Weston funds for the benefit of the library, and even the conditions of the gifts are nowhere upon the records of the town, and are known to but few, if any.

The business of the town has been completed to the present time, and as far as we can learn nearly every bill has been paid. We have settled with every Highway Surveyor, except the snow bill of one who was away, and we think there can be very little outstanding against the town, except as reported in the detailed report which follows.

The Selectmen in Account with the Town of Peterboro'.

Receipts.

Amount of tax list April 1, 1881,	$15,079 91	
Amount of tax list after April 1, 1881,	3 50	
Amount received from sales of personal property on Town Farm,	1,226 48	
Amount rec'd on Town Farm real estate,	1,950 00	
Amount received on note and interest due Town Farm March 1, 1881,	107 20	
License to show,	3 00	
J. R. Miller, rent to Jan. 1, 1882,	200 00	
C. A. Jaquith, rent to Sept. 1, 1881,	125 00	
Upper hall, rent to Jan. 1, 1882,	52 00	
Jesse Martin, for rent of hall,	68 00	
J. H. Steele, dog licenses,	6 00	
O. A. Willey, use of hearse,	5 75	
Insurance Tax received of State Treasurer,	99 75	
Railroad " "	395 79	
Savings Bank " "	3,443 40	
Literary Fund, " "	164 69	
		$22,930 47

EXPENDITURES.

Tax list committed to S. N. Porter,	$15,079 91	
Tax list assessed after April 1,	3 50	
Paid Town Treasurer :—		
Sales personal prop. on Town Farm,	1,226 48	
Real estate, Town Farm,	1,950 00	
Note due Town Farm,	107 20	
License to show,	3 00	
J. R. Miller, rent,	200 00	
C. A. Jaquith, rent,	125 00	
Upper hall, "	52 00	
Town hall, "	68 00	
Dog licenses,	6 00	
Use of hearse,	5 75	
Balance from State Treasurer,	775 63	
Paid State tax,	3,328 00	
		$22,930 47

Samuel N. Porter, Collector,

In account with the Selectmen, Sept. 12, 1881.

DR.

Amount of tax list,	$15,079 91	
Amount of tax list assessed after April 1,	1 00	
Order on Treasurer, com. on collections,	29 79	
		$15,110 70

CR.

Treasurer's receipts,	$1,489 51	
Services, commission on collections,	29 79	
Uncol. tax list committed to C. H. Knight,	13,591 40	
		$15,110 70

Charles H. Knight, Collector,

In account with the Selectmen, March 1, 1882.

DR.

Uncol. tax list rec'd from S. N. Porter,	$13,591 40	
Taxes assessed after April 1,	2 50	
Interest collected on taxes,	9 19	
Order on Treasurer, com. on collections, &c.,	139 32	
		$13,742 41

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	$13,436 58	
Abatements	166 51	
Commission on collections,	134 36	
Cost of advertising, &c.,	4 96	
		$13,742 41

Owen A. Willey, Collector,

In account with the Selectmen, March 1, 1882.

Dr.

To amount of uncollected tax list,	$54 07	
Interest collected,	29	
Order on Treasurer, com. on collections,	2 76	
		$57 12

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	$18 44	
Abatements,	35 92	
Commission on collections,	2 76	
		$57 12

Schools.

Receipts.

Balance March 1, 1881, due High School,	$409 81	
Balance March 1, 1881, due School Fund,	24 57	
Appropriation,	2,912 00	
Unexpended Dog tax April 1, 1881,	69 50	
Special school tax, District No. 2,	225 00	
Special school tax, District No. 4,	40 00	
Enexpended balance, $\frac{1}{5}$ of Literary Fund,	19 44	
		$3,700 32

Expenditures.

George Dustan, High School,	$800 00	
Ezra M. Smith, District No. 1,	836 77	
C. W. Hunter, " 2,	158 12	
H. K. French, " 3,	136 78	
Eugene Riley, " 4,	84 35	
Emery W. Alexander, " 5,	79 42	
Mark A. Wilder, " 6,	124 15	

Geo. A. Hamilton, Dist. No. 7,	$122 17	
Conrad Naglie, " 8,	73 71	
Frank J. Robbins, " 9,	218 24	
John S. Stearns, " 10,	54 32	
J. P. Sweatt, " 11,	72 75	
W. E. Hopkins, for Hancock,	2 88	
C. W. Hunter, special tax, District No. 2,	225 00	
W. H. Longley, special tax Dist. No. 4,	40 00	
		3,028 66
Balance to credit of this account Mar. 1, 1882,		$671 66
Due High School,	$652 22	
Due School Fund,	19 44	
		$671 66

Public Library.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	$125 00	
Appropriation for deficiency Mar. 1, 1881,	31 88	
Four-fifths of Literary Fund,	131 75	
		$288 63

EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$31 88	
F. H. Porter, Librarian's salary,	60 00	
R. B. Hatch, Committee,	75 00	
D. M. White, insurance,	20 25	
R. B. Hatch, insurance,	13 50	
R. B. Hatch, committee,	88 00	
		$288 63

Fire Department.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$ 59 17	
Appropriation,	325 00	
		$384 17

EXPENDITURES.

J. H. Steele, express on hose, &c.,	$ 7 10	
Geo. W. Farrar, bill repairing hose, &c.,	26 50	
Henry Buckland, steward,	16 50	
D. M. White, insurance,	18 75	
J. R. Miller, alcohol and oil for engine,	2 37	

Smith Bros., jack for engine house,	3 00	
G. W. Farrar, wood for engine house,	2 64	
James E. Saunders, steward,	5 00	
Thomas F. Burns, pay of Deluge Engine Co.,	73 28	
John Scott, pay of Aquarius Engine Co.,	154 15	
A. Fuller, chimneys and oil,	35	
		309 64
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$74 53

Street Lamps.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$ 27 21	
Appropriation,	300 00	
		$327 21

EXPENDITURES.

John Rourke, lighting lamps,	$171 43	
A. A. & W. E. Davis, bill for oil, &c.,	44 64	
Wm. G. Livingston, chimneys,	5 22	
Frank E. Taggart, lamps and chimneys,	2 75	
A. W. & W. E. Davis, oil, &c.,	29 69	
Thos. Haskell, lighting lamps and chimneys,	15 00	
		268 73
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$58 48

Putnam Grove.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$11 88	
Amount received from dog licenses,	6 00	
		$17 88

EXPENDITURES.

C. F. Gibson, labor,	$1 50	
Smith Bros., chain,	20	
Geo. W. Farrar, plank, &c.,	2 93	
A. Fuller, repairing pump,	1 00	
		5 63
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882.		$12 25

Cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,		$286 23

EXPENDITURES.

F. G. Clark, execution in favor of Ann O'Keefe,	$55 78	
		55 78
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$230 45

Highways.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	$1,500 00	
Appropriation for deficiency Mar. 1, 1881,	50 00	
		$1,550 00

EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$ 50 00	
Asa Davis, Highway Surveyor Dist. No. 1,	234 13	
Albert Taggart, " " 2,	29 40	
Jerome B. Shedd, " " 3,	27 47	
Wm. Moore, " " 4,	134 77	
J. H. Bartlett, " " 5,	19 55	
B. Hamill. " " 6,	12 18	
Stephen D. Robbe, " " 7,	24 00	
Ira A. Spofford, " " 8,	114 00	
Isaac G. Peaslee, " " 9,	44 60	
Albert O. Smith, " " 10,	31 38	
Fred A. Tarbell, " " 11,	7 70	
John O. Nay, " " 12,	30 50	
S. W. Vose, " " 13,	39 75	
Asa Davis, " " 14,	58 45	
Rodney H. Wilder, " " 15,	67 22	
John M. Ramsey, " " 16,	53 41	
Benj. W. Crosby, " " 17,	47 65	
James Smiley, " " 18,	47 16	
Chas. H. Varnum, " " 19,	34 40	
Daniel Edes, " " 20,	24 00	
W. L. Baldwin, " " 21,	26 70	
D. Osborn, " " 22,	29 56	
Franklin Field, " " 24,	49 25	
E. L. Twitchell, " " 25,	30 75	

John D. Diamond, labor,	4 00	
Charles Moore, labor,	2 25	
W. E. Davis, labor,	3 00	
G. W. Farrar, repairing plows, &c.,	6 53	
A. Fuller, drain pipe and wire,	3 37	
E. A. Robbins, repairing plows, scraper, &c.,	6 25	
		1,293 38
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$256 62

Bridges and Railing.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	$600 00	
Appropriation for deficiency March 1, 1881,	100 00	
		$700 00

EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$100 00	
Asa Davis, Highway Surveyor, Dist. 1,	79 55	
Albert Taggart, " " 2,	3 40	
William Moore, " " 4,	60 23	
S. D. Robbe, " " 7,	2 00	
Ira A. Spofford, " " 8,	75 50	
S. W. Vose, " " 13,	23 84	
John M. Ramsey, " " 16,	17 73	
Benj. W. Crosby, " " 17,	2 40	
Chas. H. Varnum, " " 19,	18 40	
W. L. Baldwin, " " 21,	4 65	
Franklin Field, " " 24,	6 16	
Edwin L. Twitchell, " " 25,	16 31	
John H. Vose, bridge plank,	16 50	
S. W. Vose, " "	83 84	
W. E. Davis, labor on bridges,	7 00	
E. R. Danforth, bridge plank,	15 58	
J. H. Bartlett, " "	39 81	
G. B. Gilchrist, labor and material for rail,	2 38	
J. H. Bartlett, bridge plank,	*100 66	
		675 94
Balance to credit of this acct. Mar. 1, 1882,		$24 06

*This purchase of 8053 feet bridge plank is now on hand.

Breaking Roads.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	$300 00	
Appropriation for deficiency March 1, 1881,	300 00	
		$600 00

EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$300 00	
Asa Davis, Road Agent, spring 1881,	213 25	
James Smiley, labor spring 1881,	5 85	
Noble Follansbee, "	1 95	
B. Hamill, "	5 50	
John E. Leathers, "	4 74	
John F. Varnum, "	2 58	
George A. Varnum, "	2 61	
B. W. Crosby, "	28 58	
John A. Hovey, "	3 62	
John S. Stearns, "	2 74	
W. D. Goss, "	6 61	
B. F. Eastman, "	1 43	
Daniel Edes, "	2 99	
Cyrus Blanchard, "	2 00	
C. H. Varnum, "	7 14	
Frank Conda, "	6 62	
Lyman Hall, "	5 65	
G. .M Morse, "	6 20	
David Gould, "	1 68	
Joel T. Brackett, "	21 21	
W. L. Baldwin, "	2 05	
Fred A. Tarbell, "	6 00	
John E. May, "	1 63	
Jerome B. Shedd, "	4 47	
Albert S. Clark, "	75	
W. E. Davis, "	3 60	
Chas. Barber, "	11 92	
Asa Davis, Highway Surveyor, Dist. 1 & 14,	21 32	
Albert Taggart, " 2,	7 65	
Jerome B. Shedd, " 3,	12 70	
William Moore, " 4,	27 05	
J. H. Bartlett, " 5,	11 40	
B. Hamill, " 6,	8 78	
Stephen D. Robbe, " 7,	6 00	
Ira A. Spofford, " 8,	6 00	
Isaac G. Peaslee, " 9,	18 67	
Albert O. Smith, " 10,	3 75	
Wm. H. S. Ventris, " 10,	19 05	

F. A. Tarbell, Highway Dist. No. 11,		$ 2 40	
John O. Nay,	" 12,	27 45	
S. W. Vose,	" 13,	11 17	
John M. Ramsey,	" 16,	11 07	
B. W. Crosby,	" 17,	37 65	
James Smiley,	" 18,	10 13	
Chas. H. Varnum,	" 19,	19 81	
Daniel Edes,	" 20,	10 00	
W. L. Baldwin,	" 21,	8 49	
D. Osborn,	" 22,	3 55	
Wm. Freeman,	" 23,	5 70	
Franklin Field,	" 24,	11 11	
Edwin L. Twitchell,	" 25,	5 60	
John Q. Adams,	" 7,	2 60	
W. E. Davis,	" 4,	5 55	
			978 02
Balance against this acct. Mar. 1, 1882,			$378 02

NOTE.—About $150 of this account was incurred before March 1, 1881.

Paupers.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$100 00	
Appropriation,	150 00	
		$250 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. Fuller, Overseer of the Poor, balance due March 1, 1881,	$ 41 34	
A. Fuller,	162 17	
		203 51
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$46 49

Lock-Up.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		$400 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. B. Tarbell, T. B. Tucker and D. M. White, Committee,	$376 55	
		376 55
Balance to the credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$23 45

Sheep Killed by Dogs.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$93 00	
Dog tax 1881,	92 00	
		$185 00

EXPENDITURES.

R. H. Morrison, for sheep killed,	$10 50	
Samuel Carey, for sheep killed,	13 00	
Unexpended balance April 1, 1881, transferred to School Fund by vote,	69 50	
		93 00
Balance to credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$92 00

Grand Army.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		$25 00

EXPENDITURES.

D. M. White, Quartermaster,	$25 00	
		$25 00

Incidentals.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$654 37	
License to show,	3 00	
Town House rents,	445 00	
Bal. from State Treasurer less Lit. Fund,	610 94	
Interest collected on taxes,	9 48	
Licenses on billiard tables,	47 50	
Sale of lots in Village Cemetery,	2 00	
O. A. Willey, use of hearse,	5 75	
		$1,778 04

EXPENDITURES.

Town House,		
A. Fuller, rep. funnel, lamp and chimneys,	$6 33	
Smith Bros., finishing cupboard in Selectmen's room,	4 45	
A. F. Nutting, rep. on town house chimneys,	1 25	
F. G. Clark, insurance,	63 44	

D. M. White, insurance,	31 05	
R. B. Hatch, insurance,	28 00	
N. Batchelder, concreting,	48 81	
G. W. Marden, labor and material on chimney,	15 92	
G. W. Farrar, repairing door,	67	
Nichols Bros., repairing roof,	1 70	
L. P. Wilson, painting town hall,	3 00	
Jesse Martin, care of hall,	3 00	
E. A. Robbins, iron rail,	12 45	
G. B. Gilchrest, wardrobe cleats and hooks,	1 00	
David F. Nelson, painting tin roof, &c.,	5 50	
Returning births and deaths:		
W. D. Chase,	11 25	
J. H. Cutler,	6 75	
M. A. Kimball,	25	
Stationery and printing:		
Farnum & Scott, printing reports, &c.,	$119 25	
J. H. Steele, new invoice books,	40 00	
Farnum & Scott, printing envelopes, notices, &c.,	27 00	
J. H. Steele, stationery,	14 24	
Miscellaneous:		
F. D. Mason, damage to horse on highway,	5 00	
Asa Davis, road agt., balance due Mar. 1 '81,	49 02	
John Rourke, horse hire,	5 75	
Asa Davis, J. Swallow's cattle pass,	56 08	
Kibbe Bros., damage on highway,	31 12	
Asa Davis, Wm. F. White's cattle pass,	65 10	
John E. May, wood for lockup,	3 00	
W. E. Davis, paid for sawing wood for lockup,	1 96	
F. S. Moors, agt., freight on weights and measures,	1 43	
J. R. Miller, postage and delivering reports,	4 49	
Unitarian Society, use of bell (two years),	20 00	
A. F. Grimes, care of town clock,	25 00	
J. F. Noone, paid Fairbanks, Brown & Co. bill of weights and measures,	74 63	
Emogene L. Taylor, 1879, tax on money in savings bank refunded,	2 42	
O. A. Willey, labor in cemeteries,	15 50	
Levi Fisk, wood for selectmen's room,	3 00	
J. F. Noone, paid for sawing wood, etc.,	1 10	
J. H. Bartlett, balance of salary due,	59 58	
		869 43
Balance to credit of this account Mar. 1, 1882,		$908 61

Town Clock.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1881,		$28 10

EXPENDITURES.

Lorenzo Holt, painting and gilding,	$27 00	
C. E. Jaquith, carpenter work,	25 98	
Estate of D. Smiley, labor and expenses,	14 74	
A. Fuller, lead,	3 04	
		70 76
Balance against this account March 1, 1882,		$42 66

Town Officers.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	$600 00	
Appropriation for deficiency, March 1, 1881,	576 05	
		$1,176 05

EXPENDITURES.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$576 05	
Mortier L. Morrison, Auditor,	5 00	
Riley B. Hatch, "	5 00	
William L. Baldwin, "	5 00	
George Dustan, School Committee,	60 00	
J. F. Noone, Selectman,	34 87	
William Moore, "	33 00	
Wilbur E. Davis, "	35 00	
Owen A. Willey, Sexton,	115 00	
Wilbur E. Davis, Selectman,	50 00	
A. A. Farnsworth, Board Supervisors,	15 00	
T. N. Hunt, Selectman,	55 00	
J. H. Steele, Town Clerk,	51 85	
W. E. Davis, Selectman,	56 00	
J. F. Noone, Selectman,	120 00	
Owen A. Willey, Collector of Taxes,	2 76	
T. N. Hunt, Selectman,	21 35	
C. H. Knight, Collector of Taxes,	139 32	
W. G. Livingston, Treasurer,	75 00	
S. N. Porter, Collector of Taxes,	29 79	
		1,484 99
Balance against this account March 1, 1882,		$308 94

Drain Pipe near Farrar's Shop.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

James Ferren, labor,	$5 62	
W. E. Davis, labor and stone,	4 92	
J. Roberts, labor,	4 12	
P. McLaughlin, labor,	7 50	
Geo. W. Farrar, two grates, &c.,	7 55	
Nichols Bros., drain pipe,	66 24	
		95 95
Balance to the credit of this account March 1, 1882,		$4 05

Villiage Cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,		$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

D. B. Cutter, for Committee,	$100 00	
		$100 00

Incidental School Fund.

RECEIPTS.

One-fifth of Literary Fund,		$32 94

EXPENDITURES.

H. K. French, District No. 3,	$5 00	
J. H. Steele, dictionary for District No. 1,	8 50	
Balance transferred to general School Fund,	19 44	
		$32 94

Town Farm.

JAMES H. BARTLETT, Superintendent, in account with the Peterboro' Town Farm.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT.

DR.

To bills due farm March 1, 1881,	$104 86
Cash received for apples,	7 50
" " butter,	2 62

Cash received for wood,	28 49	
" " hay and grain,	24 60	
" " produce, etc.,	26 66	
" " lumber,	89 80	
" " interest on bills due,	2 34	
Order on treasurer to balance,	59 52	
		$346 39

Cr.

By balance of salary due March 1, 1881,	147 69	
Cash paid for labor,	4 05	
" " grain,	31 20	
" " provisions, etc.,	26 25	
" " selectmen,	107 20	
Salary one month,	30 00	
		$346 39

Town Farm Auction.

D. M. White, Clerk, in account with Selectmen.

Dr.

To the total proceeds of the sales of personal property,		$1332 04

Cr.

By cash paid selectmen,	1225 74	
Cash paid Scott & Pierce, auctioneers,	20 00	
" weighing hay,	75	
" Wm. G. Livingston, cheese, etc.,	18 81	
" Wm. G. Livingston, discount on purchase,	4 37	
Services clerk, collecting, making deeds, etc.,	30 00	
Bills due farm,	32 37	
		$1332 04

Town Farm

In account with the Selectmen:

Dr.

To cash paid taxes in Dublin,	$ 5 15	
" " W. E. Davis, copies of deeds,	2 18	
" " C. H. Knight, taxes,	41 02	
Bills due Farm March 1, 1882,	32 37	
Cash in treasury March 1, 1882,	3235 33	
Balance due on note for real estate,	1550 00	
		$4866 05

Cr.

By amount received from sales of personal property,	$1225 74	
Interest, personal property,	74	
Received from sale of real estate,	1950 00	
" on note due Farm March 1, 1881,	107 20	
Balance of note on real estate,	1550 00	
Bills due Farm,	32 37	
		$4,866 05

Cash in treasury to credit of this account March 1, 1882,	$3,235 33
Balance due on note on real estate,	1,550 00
Bills due March 1, 1882,	32 37
	$4,817 70

Recapitulation.

Schools	$3,028 66	
Library	256 75	
Fire Department	309 64	
Street Lamps	268 73	
Putnam Grove	5 63	
Cemetery	55 78	
Highways	1,243 38	
Bridges and Railing	575 94	
Breaking Roads	678 02	
Paupers	203 51	
Sheep Killed by Dogs	23 50	
Grand Army	25 00	
Incidentals	869 43	
Town Officers	908 94	
Town Clock	70 76	
Lock-Up	376 55	
Village Cemetery	100 00	
Drain Pipe	95 95	
Incidental School Fund	13 50	
Town Farm	48 35	
		$9,158 02

Abatements.

Abatements from Owen A. Willey's tax list:

1876–7–9	Thomas Murray,	uncollectable,	$3 87	
1876	Albert Wilkins,	"	2 19	
1878	Chas. P. Follansbee,	"	1 55	
1878–9	Henry M. Gowing,	"	2 76	
1878	Albert L. Murphy,	"	3 17	
1878	Jeremiah P. O'Driscoll,	"	1 55	
1878–9	Jeremiah Regan,	"	6 16	
1878	Geo. L. Traxler,	"	1 55	
1878	Stillman W. Woods,	"	1 55	
1878	Walter Russell,	"	3 10	
1879	A. Z. Fuller,	"	1 21	
1879	Walter Scott,	"	1 21	
1879	Arthur Shepherd,	"	1 21	
1879	Mrs. Lydia Bullard,	"	4 84	
				35 92

Abatements from C. H. Knight's tax list for 1881:

S. Tenney & Son, over valuation,	5 00
James E. Bailey, taxed to C. H. Varnum,	50
C. C. Marcy, over valuation,	4 50
John Lynch, taxed in Massachusetts,	1 00
Mrs. Chas. Methley, over valuation,	1 00
W. S. Wilson, taxed to B. L. Winn,	1 00
Fay & Twitchell, over valuation,	10 00
Abel Wilder, watering trough,	3 00
Almina Bass, taxed to S. Carey,	2 50
Anstiss Carter, unable to pay,	10 00
Cyrus Blanchard, lost by fire,	55
Benj. Osmer, taxed to F. J. Shedd,	3 00
Clymena S. Piper, error in return,	4 00
Misses Fife, unable to pay,	3 00
James Scott, 1878–79–80 81, tax paid by A. T. and T. L. Hovey,	17 62
Jerome Bailey, resident of Fitchburg,	1 00
Halon Barrett, dead,	1 00
Menville Bowers, dead,	1 00
Thomas Brennan, left town,	1 00
Edward Chard, left town,	2 00
Geo. M. Cooper, left town,	1 22
James Clinton, error,	65
Mark H. Doyle, resident of Worcester,	1 00
Thomas Delaney, left town,	1 00
Octave Dupra, left town,	1 00

Ambrose Dupra, left town,	1 00	
Frank Elliott, not a resident,	1 00	
Charles F. Farnum, resident of Waltham,	1 00	
Chas. A. Field, resident of Fitchburg,	1 00	
Andrew Foot, left town,	2 15	
Frank A. Gray, not a resident,	1 00	
Estate of Amos Greene, unable to pay,	2 00	
John Gorman, left town,	1 00	
Levi Gazzo, left town,	1 00	
Levi Hayden, unable to pay,	1 00	
James H. Hamill, resident of Poughkeepsie,	1 11	
Joseph Haskell, dead,	1 00	
John W. Hastings, left town,	1 00	
Stephen Holmes, unable to pay,	1 00	
Robert C. Marble, resident of Lowell,	1 00	
Herman R. Morrison, resident of Lowell,	1 00	
Henry Morse, left town,	1 18	
Cornelius O'Keefe, not a resident,	1 00	
Joseph W. Presby, left town,	1 00	
Frank G. Putney, resident of Manchester,	1 00	
Addison M. Quimby, left town,	1 00	
William M. Ramsey, resident of Westboro',	1 00	
Chas. F. Richardson, unable to pay,	1 00	
George W. Robinson, left town,	1 00	
Thomas Scott, over 70,	1 00	
James A. Smith, resident of Manchester,	1 00	
Linville H. Smith, resident of Boston,	1 00	
Irving Wilder, resident of Lyndeboro'	1 00	
John F. Wilder, resident of Boston,	1 00	
Elias E. Whitfield, taxed in Francestown,	1 30	
Alonzo Austin, left town,	2 00	
Carter & Clark, insolvent,	20 00	
Mrs. A. Z. Fuller, uncollectable,	1 00	
Edgar D. Clark, resident of Boston,	1 00	
Oscar W. Davis, unable to pay,	10 00	
William Delmage, resident of Lowell,	1 00	
Edward H. French, resident of Winchendon,	1 00	
Charles A. Nieman, left town,	1 00	
Peterboro' & Hillsboro' Railroad, exempt,	50	
George W. Rines, left town,	1 00	
John E. Spaulding, left town,	2 00	
Herbert L. Wetherbee, not a resident,	1 23	
Putnam Woodward, taxed to R. H. Wilder,	2 00	
Thomas Murray, uncollectable,	25	
Amzi Childs, administrator, estate insolvent,	1 23	
Jeremiah Regan, County Farm,	2 25	
		$166 51

Resources and Liabilities of the Town

March 1, 1882.

Liabilities.

Old Town bonds,	$25,000 00	
Interest on the same at 6 per cent.,	250 00	
New Town bonds,	46,000 00	
Interest on the same at 5 per cent.,	383 33	
Outstanding coupons,	102 50	
Superintending School Committee,	60 00	
Outstanding orders on Treasurer,	56 38	
Police,	25 00	
		$71,877 21

Resources.

Money in treasury,	$6,501 75	
United States Bounties,	1,178 34	
Town House,	16,000 00	
Due from T. P. Ames,	32 93	
Due from T. D. Winch for rent,	200 00	
Due from C. A. Jaquith for rent,	125 00	
Bills due Town Farm account,	32 37	
Note due Town Farm account,	1,550 00	
Fire Department property as appraised March 1, 1881,	3,002 00	
		28,622 39
		$43,254 82

Abstract of the Annual Invoice and Assessment of Taxes, 1881.

Value of Real Estate,		$851,460 00
Horses,	375,	25,200 00
Mules,	1,	100 00
Oxen,	94,	5,700 00

Cows,	695,	19,132 00
Other Neat Stock,	301,	6,153 00
Sheep,	339,	1,159 00
Carriages over $50,	106,	8,020 00
Stock in public funds,		16,250 00
Stock in banks and corporations in State,		67,000 00
Stock in corporations out of State,		1,075 00
Surplus Capital of Banks,		34,765 00
Money on hand, at int., or on deposit,		146,244 00
Stock in trade,		85,958 00
Mills, Factories, and their machinery,		143,675 00
Buildings not designated,		1,200 00
Polls, 592,		59,200 00
Total Valuation,		$1,472,291 00

Town Appropriation,	$16,978 83
Amount added for Abatements, 4.83+ per cent.,	744 08
	$17,722 91
Less Savings Bank, Insurance, and Railroad Tax (estimated),	3,000 00
	$14,722 91
Tax on property omitted in annual invoice,	3 50
Total amount of tax,	$14,726 41
Dogs, 87,	$92 00

Rate of taxation, $10.00 on $1000.

Special School Tax in District No. 4, $40.00. Rate of taxation, $1.15 on $1000.

Special School Tax in District No. 2, $225.00. Rate of taxation, $2.24½ on $1000.

Appropriations and Expenditures.

Accounts.	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Outstanding.	Deficiency paid.	Appropriation recommended.
Schools	$3700 32	$3028 66	671 66	.....	.....	$2912 00
Library	288 63	256 75	.....	.....	.....	*125 00
Fire Department	384 17	309 64	74 53	.....	.....	300 00
Street Lamps	327 21	268 73	58 48	.....	.....	250 09
Putnam Grove	17 88	5 63	12 25	.....	.....	Dog Lic.
Cemetery	286 23	55 78	230 45	.....	.....	.....
Highways	1500 00	1243 38	256 62	.....	.....	1300 00
Bridges and Railing	600 00	575 94	24 06	.....	.....	500 00
Breaking Roads	300 00	678 02	.....	.....	378 02	400 00
Paupers	250 00	203 51	46 29	.....	.....	150 00
Sheep Killed by Dogs	185 00	**93 00	92 00	.....	.....	Dog tax.
Grand Army	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Incidentals	1778 04	869 43	908 61	.....	.....	***
Town Officers	600 00	908 94	.....	.....	308 94	¶600 00
Town Clock	28 10	70 76	.....	.....	42 66	.....
Lock-Up	400 00	376 55	23 45	.....	.....	.....
Village Cemetery	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drain Pipe	100 00	95 95	4 05	.....	.....	.....
Incidental Sch. Fund	32 94	†32 34	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town Farm	3283 68	48 35	3235 33	.....	.....	.....
Int. on Town Debt	3800 00	4025 00	.....	$102 50	225 00	3800 00

* And four-fifths of Literary Fund.

** $23.50 for sheep killed by dogs; $69.50 to School Fund.

*** Rents of Town House and all money received except from taxation.

† $19.40 of this amount was transferred to School Fund.

¶ And balance to credit of incidentals, March 1, 1883.

Detailed Statement of Cash in the Treasury.

To the credit of	Schools,	$671 66
" "	Fire Department,	74 53
" "	Street Lamps,	58 48
" "	Putnam Grove,	12 25
" "	Cemetery,	230 45
" "	Highways,	256 62
" "	Bridges and Railing,	24 06
" "	Paupers,	46 29
" "	Sheep killed by dogs,	92 00
" "	Incidentals,	908 61
" "	Lockup,	23 45
" "	Drain Pipe,	4 05
" "	Town Farm,	3235 33
Unappropriated,		863 97
		$6501 75

Uunless the town decides to establish a fund with the money obtained from the sale of Town Farm property for the purchase of another farm, we recommend that the following balances be appropriated for the payment of the $5,000 of the town debt coming due Jan. 1, 1883:

Incidentals,	908 61
Lockup,	23 45
Drain Pipe,	4 05
Town Farm,	3235 33
Of the amount unappropriated,	828 56
	$5000 00

Insurance on Town Property, with Date of Expiration of Policies.

Amount Insured.	Property Insured.	When Expiring.
$1,175 00	Town House,	July 1, 1882.
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
2,000 00	"	July 2, 1882.
1,300 00	"	1, "
1,000 00	"	Aug. 11, "
1,500 00	Engine House and apparatus,	Feb. 1, 1883.
1,000 00	Public Library,	Oct. 21, 1882.
1,500 00	"	Nov. 1, 1882.

Osgood Fund.

Selectmen's Account.

Receipts.

Balance March 1, 1881,	$25 40	
Interest due at savings bank,	40 40	
		$65 80

Expenditures.

Amount distributed among the poor during the year,	$22 50	
Interest due at savings bank,	40 40	
		62 90
Balance in selectmen's hands Mar. 1, 1882,		$2 90
Interest due from savings bank, March 1, 1882,		$40 40

WILBUR E. DAVIS,
JOSEPH F. NOONE,
TIMOTHY N. HUNT, } Selectmen of Peterboro'.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER in account with the Town:

DR.

To balance March 1, 1881,		$ 2,705 36
Received of O. A. Willey, Collector (old list),		18 44
Received of S. N. Porter, Collector,		1,489 51
Received of C. H. Knight, Collector,		13,436 58
Received of Selectmen:		
Store rents,	325 00	
Rent of Town Hall,	68 00	
Rent of upper hall,	52 00	
Use of hearse,	5 75	
Dog licenses,	6 00	
License of show,	3 00	
Balance, settlement with State,	775 63	
		1,235 38
Received of Selectmen:		
From sale of Town Farm,	$1,950 00	
From sale of personal property on Farm,	1,226 48	
Proceeds of note due Farm,	107 20	
		3,283 68
Received of Town Clerk:		
For licenses of Billiard Tables,	$47 50	
For deeds of lots in Village Cemetery,	2 00	
		49 50
		$22,218 45

CR.

By paid Selectmen's orders:		
Balance outstanding March 1, 1881,	$ 51 23	
Drawn for the year ending March 1, 1882,	9,101 64	
		9,152 87
By paid interest (coupons on town bonds),		4,025 00
By paid County tax,		2,538 83
By balance cash on hand,		6,501 75
		$22,218 45

W. G. LIVINGSTON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

A. Fuller, in account with the Town of Peterboro':

Dr.

Cash of Selectmen, bal. due Mar. 1, 1881,	$ 41 35	
Cash of Selectmen,	162 17	
		$203 52

Cr.

Balance due March 1, 1881,	$41 35	
Paid for Albert Hadley,	68 90	
Paid for A. W. Bingham,	88 27	
Paid for tramps,	5 00	
		$203 52

AUGUSTUS FULLER, Overseer of Poor.

LOCK-UP COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Selectmen's order on Treasurer,		$376 55

Expenditures.

Paid J. N. Thayer, for labor,	$ 40 11	
A. O. Keeffe, for labor and stone,	7 70	
C. H. Brooks & Co., for lumber, &c.,	46 85	
Smith Bros., for hardware, &c.,	9 57	
A. Fuller, wire cloth,	1 20	
Nichols Bros., stove, labor, &c.,	21 42	
D. M. White, labor of man and team,	8 00	
George W. Warden, labor and material,	120 00	
E. A. Robbins, iron doors and labor,	106 40	
Charles Wilder, use of derrick,	4 00	
Townsend & Shedd, teaming,	30	
Asa Davis, Stone,	1 25	
H Brennan, funnel stone,	2 00	
David Nelson, painting,	7 75	
		$376 55

A. B. TARBELL, for Committee.

VILLAGE CEMETERY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation received from Selectmen,		$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. McCoy for labor,	$ 1 50	
John Stone,	1 50	
C. F. Bruce,	3 00	
A. Smith,	12 80	
A. A. Farnsworth,	15 34	
James Ferren,	3 35	
Thomas Nichols,	1 50	
George M. Stevens,	2 50	
John Wilder,	1 20	
C. S. Pierce,	2 50	
C. F. Gibson,	2 25	
D. Osborn,	1 50	
L. P. Wilson,	70	
G. W. Farrar,	20	
J. N. Thayer,	24 50	
Asa Davis, for stone,	18 66	
W. Hayward, for labor,	2 00	
		95 00
Cash in hands of Committee, March 1, 1882,		$5 00

D. B. CUTTER,
JOHN WILDER, } Committee.

PINE HILL CEMETERY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 1, 1881,	$ 1 25	
Received from sales of lots,	171 00	
Received for apples,	4 00	
		$176 25

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for cedar posts,	$7 95	
Two and a half days' labor setting posts, &c.,	5 00	
Care of Pine Hill Cemetery,	7 00	
		19 95
Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1882.		$156 30

O. A. WILLEY, Treasurer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

		Vols
Reported last year,		4164
Previously thrown out, rebound and returned to circulation,		12
Old books returned (not repaired),		5
Purchased,		96
Donated,		49
		4326
Destroyed and paid for,	1	
Not returned,	2	
Worn out,	3	
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Present number		4320

Some more will undoubtedly be found so badly worn as to be worthless, when those needing rebinding and repairing are taken from the shelves.

The Books given to the Library during the year past are:		No. Vols.
By Mrs. Bass—A copy of Shakspeare,		1
Nichols Brothers—N. H. Agriculture, 1879,		1
	Transactions N. H. Ag. Society,	3
	U. S. Agricultural Reports,	3
By D. Appleton & Co.—Progress and Poverty,		1
Ivison, Blakeman & Taylor—General Index to 14 Treatises on Natural Philosophy		1
State of N. H.—N. H. Agriculture, 1879,		1
Dr. D. B. Cutter—History of Jaffrey, N. H.,		1
Hon. J. F. Briggs—U. S. Agricultural Report for 1879,		1
U. S. Commissioner of Education—Report 1879,		1
Superintendent U. S. Signal Service—Report 1879,		1
By Hon. E. H. Rolllins:	Congressional Record and Indexes,	13
	U. S. Agricultural Report 1879,	1
	Culture of the Sugar Beet,	1
	U. S. Educational Reports,	3
	Commerce and Navigation of U. S. 1880,	1
	Smithsonian Institution Reports,	2
	Various U. S. Department Reports,	5
	Reports U. S. Fish Commissioners,	2
	Contagious Diseases of Domestic Animals,	1
	Report U. S. Attorney General,	1

By Hon. E. H. Rollins:	Production of Gold and Silver in U. S.,	1
	Memorial of Hon. Rush Clark,	1
	Memorial of Hon. Zach. Chandler,	1
	Memorial of Prof. Joseph Henry of the Smithsonian Institution,	1
		49

The U. S. Patent Office Official Gazette has also been regularly furnished us through the year.

Books Purchased.

Biography.

	Vols.
English Men of Letters Series:	17
Wordsworth, Chaucer, Locke, Milton, Cowper, Southey, Byron, Dryden, Johnson, Pope, Bunyan, Landor, Burke, DeQuincey, Spenser, Thackeray, Burns.	
American Actor Series: Edwin Forrest, The Jeffersons.	2
Life of Garfield.—Conwell.	1

History.

Library of Entertaining History, Illustrated:	3
History of Egypt, History of India, History of Switzerland.	
Campaigns of the Civil War:	5
Outbreak of the Rebellion.—Nicolay.	
The Peninsula.—Webb.	
Army under Pope.—Ropes.	
Antietam and Fredericksburg.—Palfrey.	
Fort Henry to Corinth.—Force.	
Epochs of Modern History Series:	13
The Normans in Europe.—Johnson.	
Beginning of the Middle Ages.—Church.	
The Crusaders.—Cox.	
Frederick the Great.—Longman.	
The Protestant Revolution.—Seabohm.	
The Thirty Years War.—Gardiner.	
The French Revolution.—Morris.	
The Early Plantagenets.—Stubbs.	
Houses of York and Lancaster.—Gairdner.	
The Age of Elizabeth.—Creighton.	
The Age of Annie.—Morris.	
The Puritan Revolution.—Gardiner.	
The Fall of the Stuarts.—Hale.	
Van Holst's Constitutional History of the U. S. 3d Vol.	1

Old Troy.—Benjamin. 1
History of Jaffrey, N. H.—Cutter. 1
History of Rindge, N. H.—Stearns. 1
History of Antrim, N. H.—Cochran. 1
History of Marlboro', N. H.—Bemis. 1
Young Folks' History of America.—Butterworth. 1
Young Folks' History of Russia.—Dole. 1
Young Folks' History of Boston.—Butterworth. 1
Boston Town.—Scudder. 1
Around the Hub.—Drake. 1
The Boys of '61.—Coffin. 1
The Hawaiian Islands.—Anderson. 1

Fiction.

Round Robin Series: 7
The Georgian's, Damen's Ghost, A Nameless Nobleman, Patty's Perversities, Rosemary and Rue, Homoselle, A Lesson in Love.
Moods.—L. M. Alcott. 1
Cape Cod Folks.—McLean. 1
Without a Home.—Roe. 1
A Fearful Responsibility.—Howells. 1
Dr. Breen's Practice.—Howells. 1
The Fortunate Island.—Max Adeler. 1
A Fair Barbarian.—Mrs. Burnett. 1
The Schoolmaster's Trial.—A. Perry. 1
A Portrait of a Lady.—H. James. 1
Aspasia. 2 Vols. 2

Juveniles.

Stories of Adventure.—E. E. Hale. 1
A Trip Eastward.—Edward Abbott. 1
Zig Zag Journeys in the Orient.—Butterworth. 1
Zig Zag Journeys in Europe.—Butterworth. 1
Zig Zag Journeys in Classic Lands.—Butterworth. 1
Knockabout Club in the Woods.—Stephens. 1
Young Americans in Japan.—Ed. Gray. 1
A Family Flight through France, Germany, Norway and Switzerland.—Hale. 1
All Aboard for Sunrise Lands.—Rand. 1

Miscellaneous.

Country By-Ways.—Jewett. 1
Army Life in Russia.—Greene. 1
Pictures and Legends from Normandy and Brittany. 1
East of the Jordon.—Selah Merrill. 1
The Religions of China.—James Legge. 1
Galilee in the Times of Christ.—Selah Merrill. 1

Books and Reading.—Noah Porter.	1
The Eastern Archipelago.	1
Spain and the Spaniards.—DeAmicis.	1
The Chaldean Account of Genesis.—Smith.	1
Chinese Immigration.—Seward.	1
England Within and Without.—R. Grant White.	1
Sledging in the Arctic.—W. H. Gilder.	1
The Granite Monthly. Vol. 4.	1

Reference.

Who Wrote It?—W. A. Wheeler.	1
	96

Pamphlets Presented Since Last Report.

By U. S. Commissioner of Education: 10
Report on Teaching of Chemistry and Physics in U. S., by F. B. Wigglesworth of Cincinnati University; Causes of Deafness among School Children; Proceedings National Educational Association 1881; Education in France; Education and Crime; Discipline of the School: Library aids (4 copies).

By Librarian of Harvard College: Harvard University Bulletin. 7 Nos.

By Commissioner of Patents: Report for 1879.

By Hon. Israel Washburne, Jr., of Portland Maine: History of "The Northeastern Boundary."

By Hon. Carroll D. Wright of Massachusetts: Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration.

By Nathan T. Eaton: Genealogy of the Youngman Family.

By Hon. E. H. Rollins: Laws of the 2d and 3d Sessions 46th Congress; Cotton Goods Trade of the World and Share of the U. S. therein; The Chinch Bug; Origin and Growth of Sheep Husbandry in the United States.

Financial Report.

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Balance from last year,	$57 84
Received from Selectmen,	163 00
Received for fines and catalogues,	16 44
Received for ashes,	33
Received Income from Weston Fund,	3 52
	$241 13

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By paid for new books,	97 49
Binding and repairing,	47 67
Farnum & Scott, labels, cards, catalogues, &c.,	12 50
J. H. Bartlett, for wood,	5 50
Cutting and putting in wood,	2 00

J. H. Steele, account,	2 52
C. A. Jaquith & Co., kerosene, matches, &c.,	1 71
Freight and express,	2 73
Postage and incidentals,	1 52
	173 64
Balance on hand,	67 49
	$241 13

The purchase of covering paper made since March 1st and the binding now arranged for of the Peterboro' Transcript and official Patent Office Gazette, with the books now out for rebinding, will more than absorb the balance in the hands of the committee, allowing nothing for the rebinding and repairing needed by a large number of books not yet taken from the shelves.

Your committee commenced one year ago the preparation of a supplementary catalogue of the accessions made to the Library since 1877, when the last catalogue was published. Before the work was finished it was found that the stock of old catalogues was nearly exhausted, and we did not deem it advisable to print a supplement when the entire Library would so soon need to be catalogued anew. We are now entirely out of catalogues and have been without for several months past, and we refer the matter to the Town and ask that an appropriation be made for supplying a new catalogue at once. This is indispensable for the successful and convenient use of your Library.

J. H. CUTLER,
R. B. HATCH,
JOHN SCOTT. } Library Committee.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the Town of Peterboro', have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Superintendent of the Town Farm, High School Committee, Town Library Committee, Cemetery Committees and Committee to build new Lock-up, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

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R. B. HATCH,
WM. H. LONGLEY, } Auditors of Accounts.

Peterboro', N. H., March 6, 1882.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Peterboro' qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary Town Officers and Agents for the year ensuing.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the poor; for laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges; and for other necessary charges arising within the town, and appropriate the same.

4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the fire department, public library and street lamps.

5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate towards paying the town debt.

6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to enforce the law relating to the sale of spirituous liquors, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action in relation to the same.

8. To see if the town will vote to put in three sewers in the village of West Peterboro'; one near the counting room of the Union Manufacturing Company, one near J. Fisher's store, and one near Mrs. Asa Gowing's dwelling, and raise money for the same.

9. To see if the town will vote to give J. D. Diamond and Charles M. Moor, their taxes to keep their road in repair, or take any other action thereon.

10. To see if the town will choose a committee to take charge of all the cemeteries owned by the town; also, to see if the town will vote to concrete the walk from the highway to the tomb in the village cemetery, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any other action in relation to cemeteries.

11. To see if the town will vote to alter the gallery in the town hall, or take any other action for the improvement of said hall, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal this 27th day of February, A. D. 1882.

WILBUR E. DAVIS,
JOSEPH F. NOONE,
TIMOTHY N. HUNT,
Selectmen of Peterboro'.